

organized as a regular bishop's ward with William Hulme as Bishop. Broth-
Hulme was succeeded in 1895 by
Findlay, who in 1914 was suc-
ceeded by Alfred A. Hart, who in 1928
was succeeded by John Philip Hulme,
who acted as Bishop of the Bloomington
Ward Dec. 31, 1930.

The total Church membership of the
Bloomington Ward on Dec. 31, 1930,
was 495 souls, including 108 children;
the total population of Bloomington
precinct was 503.

BLUEBELL WARD, of Duchesne
Stake, Duchesne Co., Utah, consists
of the Latter-day Saints residing in
a tract of country lying east of Lake
Fork and west of Dry Gulch Creek.
The center of the ward, or the town-
site of Bluebell, is situated in a
beautiful locality surrounded by cedar-
covered ridges, four miles east of Mt.
Simons, 16 miles northeast of Roose-
velt, and 23 miles northeast of Du-
chesne City; it is only four miles south
of the foothills of the Uintah Range.
The soil is fertile and productive,
though the altitude is 6,200 feet above
sea level. About half the people reside
on or near the townsite.

When the Uintah Reservation was
thrown open for settlers in 1905, some
of the home-seekers were attracted to
that particular part of the reservation
lying at the foot of the Uintah Moun-
tains, east of Lake Fork, which they
found covered with bluebell flowers.
Hence the name Bluebell was chosen
for the location. The place was first
settled in 1907 by Elmer Gates and
family, who were followed by more
settlers in 1908 and subsequent years.
The townsite was selected in 1910, which
was surveyed two years later. A meet-
ing house was also built in 1910. On
Oct. 12, 1911, the saints in the Bluebell
precinct were organized as a branch of
the Boneta Ward with William P. Mer-
rett as presiding Elder. This branch
was organized into a regular bishop's
ward Dec. 3, 1911, with William P.
Merrett as Bishop; he was succeeded in
1912 by Leslie B. Goodrich, who pre-

sided Dec. 31, 1930, at which time the
Church membership of the ward was
273 souls, including 73 children.

BLUEMESA BRANCH, Duchesne
Stake, Duchesne Co., Utah, consisted
of a farming district belonging to the
Knight Investment Company, which
owned a large tract of land near Du-
chesne City, and among the employees
of the company were a number of Lat-
ter-day Saints, who were organized in-
to a branch of the Church in 1916 with
Bryan H. Jolley, jun., as presiding El-
der. This branch only existed one sum-
mer (1916), since which the Latter-day
Saints at Knight's camp have belonged
to the Duchesne Ward. The buildings
of the Knight Investment Company are
about five miles northeast of Duchesne
City. *Encyc Hist-Jensen 73*